

Dear Friends:

Since becoming the Secretary of Energy, I have had the chance to work with many of you on a number of projects that are important to our mission as a Department and to the future of America. The DOE's partnership with the EPA on the Energy Star program is one of those projects.

As many of you know, Energy Star is a program aimed at helping us all save money, conserve energy, and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

Today we are beginning a campaign with Energy Star – “Change a Light, Change the World” - to encourage people all across America to take a small, but very important step, in the fight for our energy security.

As part of the “*Change A Light*” Campaign, I am hoping that every one of you will join me in taking a pledge to change at least one standard light bulb in your homes to an Energy Star qualified bulb. These bulbs not only help protect the environment, but they last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs and use at least 2/3 less energy, they will save us money on our utility bills.

Since the Department of Energy is a partner in this project, it is extremely important that we set a good example. Every agency in our government has been asked to participate and I truly hope that the DOE will lead the way with the highest level of participation. Your participation level will speak volumes about the importance of using Energy Star bulbs, since you are respected as our nation's energy experts.

I continue to feel proud of the work that you are doing, and I am confident that your participation in this pledge drive will only reinforce that pride.

And so I am asking you to join me right now in pledging to Change A Light by logging on to . Please view the DOE Change A Light website at <http://www.energy.gov/pledge.htm> and fill out the pledge form. That is all there is to it. Also, I hope that you will encourage your families and friends to do the same. It is easy to do and should only take a minute. The campaign lasts until November 30th but it is my hope that we will embrace this effort, and make it a priority all year long.

Thank you very much for your commitment to a more secure, energy-efficient world.
Samuel W. Bodman